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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM
THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 October 2004.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,6 and 7 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,6 and 7 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

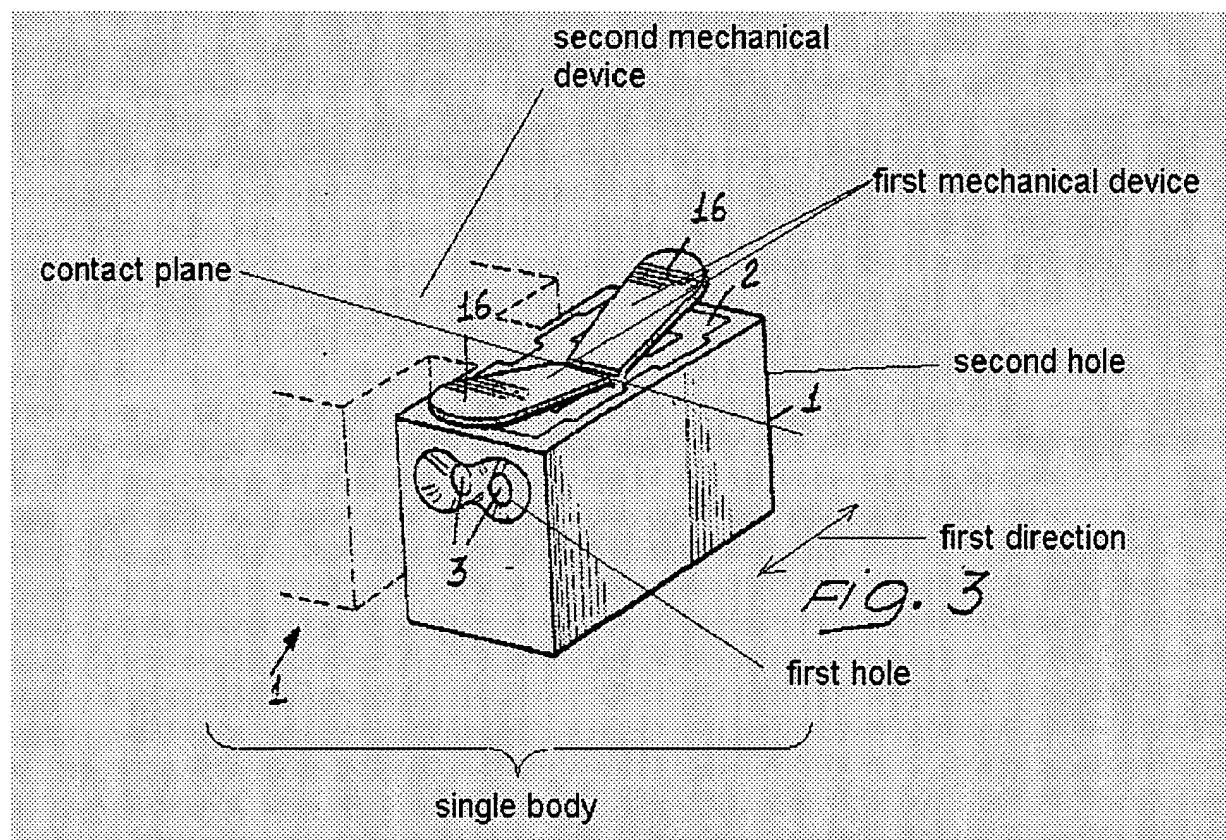
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 4, 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gelati (EP 0,246,199).

Gelati discloses a unit (Fig.1) for quick connecting and disconnecting of conductors (5), comprising a single body (see following figure) in which conductors (5) are introducible; at least two mechanical devices (16, see following figure) accommodated in the single body and each formed and operative for a quick connection of at least one of two conductors and for disconnection of the at least one of two conductors, each of the mechanical devices being formed so that each of the mechanical devices provides a quick connection of one of two the conductors in the single body, and a disconnection of the one conductor in the single body without impairing another conductors of the same mechanical device and without impairing the conductors in another mechanical device, so that each of four conductors can be connected or disconnected individually and separately from one another, each of the mechanical-devices having at least two holes (3, see following figure) which are spaced from one another in a first direction so that at least two conductors are insertable into the at least two holes independently from one another to be spaced from one another in

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the first direction, each of the mechanical devices including an operating lever having two (16,16) identical and independent levers symmetrically located with respect to a contact plane (see following figure) and spaced from each other in the first direction, each lever being provided with a top flat base (at 16) for operation and ending in a rounded lower end (tip of 17), a stop latch (side of 17) provided at the rounded lower end and preventing an unwanted exit of the lever from a place where the lever is located, a resilient metal strip (6) situated under the lever and keeping the lever raised, two contacting bases (10,10, in each of 1,1) which are formed also symmetrically and independently, the resilient metal strip having a top end divided into two symmetrical and spaced parts (8,8 in Fig.2) including one part for each lever such that the parts of the resilient metal strip are spaced from each other in the first direction, the ends being formed so as to pass under ends of the conductors to be connected, so that when one of the identical and independent lever of the operating lever is pressed down it bends downwards a corresponding one of the symmetrical and spaced parts of the resilient metal strip which remains at a position under a respective one of the contact bases which will allow that an end of the conductor can be easily introduced through a respective one of the holes (3) being situated under the contact base, while when the one identical and independent lever of the operating lever is no more pressed down it leaves the position passing to a normal position pushed by the one symmetrical and spaced part of the resilient metal strip which in turn presses the conductor against the contact base.



Regarding claim 4, Gelati also teaches a bottom and the metal strip (6) supported on the bottom.

Regarding claim 6, Gelati discloses a bottom plate (7), wherein the contacting bases (10,10) which are formed symmetrical and independently end on the bottom plate with interposition of a metal element (9), the elastic metal strip and the divided top parts extending between the bases.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 7 have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection. Applicant's arguments have been addressed by the new grounds of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


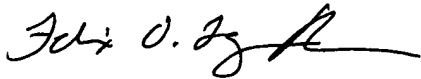
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Felix O. Figueroa whose telephone number is (571) 272-2003. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri., 10:00am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula A. Bradley can be reached on (571) 272-2800 Ext. 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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